

Insights on global stability (strategic, economic, developmental)

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Introduction.

This title is incomplete, it should have included the religious and cultural heritage i.e civilization, because the desired global stability can not be achieved unless there is a formula for inter - civilizations coexistence of which religions are an important component.

The Earth Planet is witnessing many unification factors, communication and information revolution and related mechanisms such as the Internet, TV Satellites, and communication systems provided the globe with the means for communication and engagement which has in turn created the economic globalization, under which a single global market has emerged. This unification, which technology has reinforced is enhanced by other unifying factors such as shared Space, Oceans and Seas and the climate. These technological, economic, and natural factors which are Centripetal attractive factors require unitary or confederation global governance.

Much as the stability of the world needs this unification, the other factors are related to the humanitarian situation which is the strategic balance between the countries , the development disparity ,Faith discordance , and cultural contrasts .These factors mirror the contrasts between human beings and work in repellent directions away from the center (Centrifugal) and hampers the desired Federal governance.

Such factors of disparity could nurture acute polarizations that will push the world in the direction of potential wars, a cold and then outright global war. This is a very serious prospect in a world where technological advancement has led to the production for weapons of mass destruction. Indeed, agreements to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction have been signed, but a thorough review of the commitment to

these agreements indicates that they have been violated. Access to weapons of mass destruction depends on three factors, namely:

- Technological knowledge.
- Material resources.
- Motivations.

The first factor is impossible to stop. The second factor is available without limits. The factor that can be influenced is the motivation factor. If drivers are available, as is the case in North Korea, pre-apartheid South Africa, and in the two Indian Subcontinent states, and Israel, these agreements did not prevent access to nuclear weapons.

Can the world establish a fair global system?

I will try to answer this question at the global, regional Middle Eastern level.

Global developmental situation:

The status of development in the world shows such disparity that 20% of the world's population own 80 % of the global income. And 80% of humankind get 20% of the global income. This is an enormous imbalance.

When the capitalist system established itself in the nineteenth century, opposing social strata were formed. This sharp confrontation was a justification for the emergency of Marxist thought, which predicted that the confrontation between the capitalist and the working classes will inevitably lead to revolution that would oppled the capitalists power and attain empowerment of the working class.

Under the democratic system trade union movements became stronger and was able to realize significant gains which led to political and economic empowerment of the labor movement .Thus the capitalist system achieved great stability through class – based share of wealth and in income.

After the Second World War (1939 - 1945 AD) a cold war between the Western camp and the Eastern bloc was launched, a time when Western Europe was economically exhausted, making it vulnerable to the start of communist revolutionary movements.

Realizing that threat, the United States supported Western Europe with the Marshall Plan, which pumped billions of dollars for the recovery of the European economy. Western Europe had thus been able to achieve economic prosperity and democratic practice.

However, after the collapse of the Soviet Union, East Germany went to unite with the Western Germany. But the gap in the level of development was so wide that West Germany had to spend nearly one trillion dollars to allow East Germany to catch up with the West.

Also Eastern European countries decided to join the European Union which had to infuse huge funds in the former Eastern bloc. That had provided the support for development and maintained the democratic systems.

The world's rich North realized that countries of the southern hemisphere are poor, and that poverty breeds instability. Therefore, in the eighties of the last century, the North-South dialogue was launched, through the Commission, chaired by former German Chancellor Willy Brandt. The recommendations of this Commission started from a realistic diagnosis of the global situation, and recommending the establishment of a more equitable global economic system, in which the world rich

North is committed to wide ranging procedures and to pull the world's South toward

Developmental future.

The recommendations include the conduct of reviews to the strategies of the international financial and economic organizations, and regulations for

corporate supra- limits activity, along with other radical measures . However, the rich countries rejected the recommendations of the Willy Brandt Commission.

By the end of the twentieth century, the international community tried to address the development imbalance through the eight Millennium Development Goals. Achieving those goals placed specific financial obligations on the rich countries. We are at the end of the period for achieving the Millennium Development Goals (ending in 2015) , we find that the most important of the goals has not been realized . The matter worsened as the world realized, in 1995, that the planet is suffering from global warming and that industrialized countries, through its industrial activities, polluted the environment. Specific decisions had been taken in the Rio de Janeiro Conference to reduce pollution by 50 % from what it was in 1990 .This goal did not materialize . In 2009, the Copenhagen conference adopted the principle of climate justice in order to compensate poor countries for what it suffered as a result of environmental pollution. They decided to begin the implementation of climate justice with 30 billion dollars in the first year, which is to become 100 billion dollars annually. This commitment has not been delivered.

The great privileges in the economic field , which the North hemisphere enjoys is an essential component of the global economic system , so these countries oppose any radical changes in favor of the countries of the South , and even used their economic privileges to subject countries of the South opposing their policies ,by various means not least the impact of economic sanctions , which often hurt the peoples of the penalized countries (U.S. sanctions against Sudan amounts to about 745 billion dollars ,a burden on the Sudanese people) .

This privilege in the economic field supported is by the strategic balance of power. The rich countries of the North have a monopoly over the nuclear club; they are the manufacturers of the nuclear weapons that are not subject to strict export controls; the industrialized countries sell the

weapons to countries that support their policies regardless of the justice of governance and the commitment to human rights for their peoples . During her visited to Cairo Ms. Condoleezza Rice said: We spent sixty years supporting tyrants under the pretext of achieving stability, no stability was achieved, but we sacrificed democracy.

Countries of the North strategically control the situation in the world, and interfere with guiding policies in the countries of the South, where they employ Movements to fight by proxy.

After the Iranian Islamic Revolution, the Soviet Union feared its impact on Afghanistan and the affiliated countries of Central Asia. Therefore, the Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan in 1980. Afghan people resisted the Soviet invasion and found a strong Western support. That support lacked strategic controls which led to the phenomenon of the Afghan Arabs and al-Qaeda. After the departure of Soviet troops, al-Qaida was transformed into a tool for hyperbole under Islamic banners, adopted positions against controls of fighting in Islam and used uncontrolled violence to achieve political ends. Western policies in Afghanistan, Iraq, Somalia, and other countries provided great opportunities for al-Qaida and sister organizations to expand in clusters across many areas. This terrorism contradicts Islamic principles, although it raises Islamic slogans and is expanding in many areas. Islam, in today's world, represents in many respects a huge cultural force, regardless of the weakness of the Islamic countries. Islam also owns a social capital, the largest in the Muslim countries.

The majority of Muslims denounce the prevailing global economic and strategic imbalance, but they reject the methods adopted by al-Qaeda and sisters to restore the balance. Methods to recruit young people to join al-Qaeda ranks are encouraged by the Western unfair policies according to Sir Ivor Roberts, the British ambassador in Italy in 2004, who described former U.S. President George W. Bush as the most efficient recruiting officer for al-Qaeda!

Current United Nations system has achieved important goals of humanity. Its specialized organizations such as FAO, UNESCO, and the World Health Organization have played active roles in their respective areas. But the system was developed by the victors in World War II who monopolized its powers that enabled them exercising the right of Veto to the benefit of their friends and against their opponents regardless of the justice of the issues in question. Since the founding of the United Nations there are non-stop wars in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East, and the use of the right of Veto by this or other permanent members of the Security Council, has in many occasions paralyzed the Security Council.

In today's world there ideas which continuously fuel violence:-

- Tyrants exercising violence against their own people.
- Poles of international domination who divide the world into two parts: those with them and those against them – they are ready to suppress those against the, even outside the Security Council resolutions.
- Islamist believes that differences of faith are the cause for fighting in the war, making fighting the antagonists a religious duty. The terrorists use this concept as a general justification for their acts.

All this means that the process of peace-making is an intellectual issue which entails getting rid of the factors that hatch violence.

Human rights systems starting with the Charter of Human Rights, the International Covenants on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and Civil and Political Rights concluded in 1966, along with raft of Charters and Treaties on the non- proliferation of weapons, on the natural environment and other rights, constitute a good system for human rights .Good as they are, they are often not enforced.

When t the United Nations system was established in 1945, the majority of the present countries were non-existent .That requires a review of the system to make it more equitable.

Global economic and strategic disparity is fueled by the Cold War between religions and civilizations.

The most effective way to achieve a high degree of peace in terms religions and civilizations is for religions and civilizations to come to terms with the human rights system without the need for bilateral dialogues between them.

The current situation in many countries is unjust and therefore unstable. Justice in the fields of moralities brings stability similar to the balance in the center sensory things brought about by the center of gravity.

Even in democratic countries there are complaints about the absence of social democracy. In non-democratic countries grievances are compound.

Globally, there are wide range of grievances resulting from of the facts we have previously mentioned.

There are two ways to effect change in the current situation within and between countries. The violent way adopted by the terrorists. And a soft power means. Violent means can bring about massive destruction of lives and property, but do not have a viable alternative, and even if they triumph, they will use violence to maintain their authority and will create acute polarization that hampers stability. The feasible option is to be based on enlightened thought using and peaceful means to achieve its objectives.

The dominance of international policies which does not respond to the demands of soft power constitutes objective support for the methods of violence. A more viable option for humanity is an enlightened alliance of forces in the countries of the North with advocates of change through soft forces in the countries of the South with aim of establishing a fairer and better global system, to disrupt the policies of hegemony and terrorism. This is the way to global stability.

Middle East

Middle East is an integral part of the global scene, but had its own unique circumstances which demand an objective diagnosis, then write a prescription for a Middle East stability. The distinct factors in the Middle East are:

- According to that under the United Nations Development Programme UNDP Human Development Report for 2002, it is the most backward areas on the democratic transition, and therefore its peoples are the most vulnerable to the policies of despotism.
- The area of special importance expressed by former U.S. President Jimmy Carter is that the region the most valuable piece of land. The reason is : the huge production and and oil reserves , geopolitical location , the existence of internationally protected Israel,it is the source of extremism and terrorism and random violence and it is the seat bed of the three great Abrahamic religionns and sanctities holiest site.